

Remarks:

1. This amendment has been made to cancel Claims 2, 3, 4 and 7; remain Claim 6 unchanged as originally filed; and amend Claims 1 and 5.
2. Claim 7 is canceled since it is too obvious in view of the conventional arts.
3. Since "Claims 3 and 4 appear to read over the prior art of record" (recited in last Action) containing allowable subject matters, the subject features as presented in originally filed Claims 3 and 4 are now incorporated into the basic features of originally filed Claim 1 to form the amended Claim 1 in this amendment.
4. Since "allowable" Claim 4 is dependent upon Claim 2, the subject features in originally filed Claim 2 are therefore combined into the amended Claim 1 in this amendment.
5. Original Claim 5 is now amended to be dependent upon the amended Claim 1.
6. Claim 6 is now dependent upon the amended Claim 1. Claim 6 is not canceled because the protrusions 221 as circumferentially formed on a rim of a shallow cavity 222 recessed in a top portion of the seat portion 22 for supporting the golf ball have shown

the novelty. The golf ball B is merely supported on an annularly-arranged protrusions 221 formed on the rim of the seat portion 22 of the flexible holding member 2 to thereby greatly minimize the contacting area between the golf ball and the seat portion 22 to minimize the frictional force therebetween, not to influence the striking or flying precision when driving the ball off the golf tee.

Comparatively, the projections 3 as disclosed in prior art of U.S. 1,551,207 are not formed on a rim of a spherically or conically shaped cavity of a seat portion as taught by this application.

The projections of the prior art must thus be made higher in order to prevent from contact between the golf ball (bottom portion) and the tee (Fig. 1, 2 of the prior art). The "high" projections of the golf tee may tangle or obstruct the nearby objects.

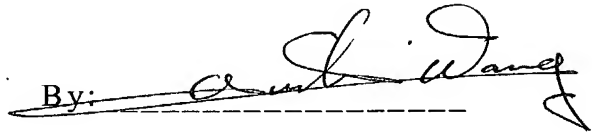
So, this application (Claim 6 as depending upon the amended Claim 1 which is now amended to be placed in condition of allowance) is unobvious to the prior art of U.S. 1,551,207.

7. A handwritten amendment draft is enclosed, showing no insertion of New Matter in this amendment.
8. Reviewing the "Office Action Summary" in last Office Action mailed on: 7/26/2004, there is no showing of any objection/rejection on the drawings as originally filed by the applicant. So, the drawings as filed are considered to be formal

and accepted by PTO.

9. Accordingly, this application is now thought to be allowable, especially after this amendment. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted;

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